

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A smart card handling device with a communication board attaching unit including a first base attached to the card handling device and a second base for carrying a set of one or more communication boards for communicating with a non-contact type smart card or a contact type smart card along a transporting passageway. The first base and the second base have a complementary mounting to suitably mate together. The communication board attaching unit can selectively pivot to enable a recycling operation.